Financial allocation for NREGA

1754. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMAA. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of RORAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the financial allocations for the NREGA, year-wise, ever since the programme has been under implementation;

(b) the amount Government have been able to spend therefrom;

(c) the reasons for short spending;

(d) whether implementation of the programme in the existing districts has stabilized; and

(e) whether addition of 120 new districts under the programme is proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) During 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 2292.57 crores was released to the districts out of National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) budget since there was no separate budget of NREGA. During 2006-07, an amount of Rs. 11,300 crore has been allocated under NREGA out of which Rs. 7787.36 crore has been released to the districts upto 12th March 2007. The States have utilized Rs. 6016.11 crore during 2006-07 under NREGA.

(c) There is no short fall in expenditure *per se*. Moreover NREGA is a demand driven programme.

(d) Yes Sir. However, States have been requested to further strengthen NREGA systems and processes.

(e) Yes Sir. 130 additional districts are to be covered under NREGA in its second phase.

Payment of dues through banks/P.O. under EGS

†1755. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are opening accounts in the banks/post offices

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.